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1. SUMMARY. KING CLOSES GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LIBERATION ARMY VETERANS AND RESISTANTS BY REQUESTING IT CONTINUE TO MEET QUARTERLY AND EVENTUALLY ELECT NATIONAL COUNCIL. ASSEMBLY VOTES RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING IMPROVED BENEFITS AND PREFERENCES FOR VETERANS AND FAMILIES IN JOBS, LAND AND PUBLIC HOUSING. POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS CALL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY AND REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS, PURGE OF CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT AND INCREASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. RESOLUTIONS SUPPORT GOM FOREIGN POLICY LINE. ASSEMBLY COULD EVOLVE INTO GROUP OR PARTY REPRESENTING BERBERS COUNTRYWIDE. END SUMMARY.

2. KING HASSAN ADDRESSED CLOSING MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF FORMER RESISTANCE FIGHTERS AND MEMBERS OF MOROCCAN LIBERATION ARMY (REFTEL) APRIL 3. HE THANKED MEMBERS FOR RESOLUTIONS DEALING WITH THEIR SOCIAL STATUS AS WELL AS NATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES (BELOW). HE PROMISED
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THAT GOM WILL CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS AND ADOPT SOLUTIONS IN LINE WITH THEM. AMONG ORGANIZATIONAL TASKS STILL TO BE DONE BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY, KING SAID, WAS COMPILATION ACCURATE LISTS OF LIBERATION ARMY AND RESISTANT CONSTITUENCY. HE THEN SAID GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD CONTINUE TO MEET IN RABAT EVERY THREE MONTHS FOR AT LEAST 12 TO 18 MONTHS TO DRAW UP MEMBERSHIP LISTS TO PREPARE FOR REGIONAL ELECTIONS AND ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL. BY CONTINUING TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ORGANIZATION, KING CONCLUDED, VETERANS WOULD BUILD SOLID WALL AGAINST ALL PLOTS AND MANEUVERS ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK NATIONAL REALITY WOULD CRUMBLE.

3. VETERANS' RESOLUTIONS DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES. FIRST CONCERN BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES LIKE NEED FOR IMPROVED BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND HIRING PREFERENCES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, AND PERMITS TO WORK ABROAD. VETERANS ALSO ASKED FOR PRIORITY IN REDISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS RECUPERATED FROM FOREIGN OWNERS AS WELL AS PRIORITY IN DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC HOUSING, AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THEIR CHILDREN. VETERANS ALSO ASKED GOVERNMENT TO PURGE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF FOREIGN INFLUENCE AND BASE EDUCATION ON ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES AND ARABIC LANGUAGE IN LIGHT OF CURRENT BAD CONDUCT OF MOROCCAN YOUTH.

4. IN DOMESTIC POLITICAL AREAS, VETERANS NOTED SEVENTEEN YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE HAD NOT PROVIDED ALL BENEFITS THEY HAD HOPED FOR. THEY ASKED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND DEMOCOCRAC MONARCHY IN WHICH PEOPLE RUN THEIR AFFAIRS THROUGH REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS ISSUING FROM FREE ELECTIONS. VETERANS ALSO ASKED FOR GENERAL AMNESTY FOR ALL FORMER RESISTANTS UNDER SENTENCE AND LIVING IN EXILE WHO DESIRE TO RETURN TO MOROCCO. THEY ALSO ASKED THAT GOM PURSUE ITS ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE AND POLICIES DESIGNED TO SPEED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JUST DIVISION OF NATIONAL WEALTH. ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VETERANS SAID SPANISH OCCUPATION OF SAHARA, CEUTA AND MELILLA INCOMPATIBLE WITH INDEPENDENCE AND SUPPORTED KING' S EFFORTS TO REGAIN TERRITORIES. THEY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH DEVELOPMENT OF MAGHREB COMMUNITY AND NOTED COMMON EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH FRONTIER PROBLEMS INHERITED FROM COUNTS OF AID BEING ACCORDED TO THAT COUNTRY.

4. CONVERSATION THEN SHIFTED TO LOCAL POLITICAL AND MILITARY PROBLEMS. PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED PESSIMISM RE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH LPF, WHICH HE BLAMED ON HANOI AND THE LATTER' S DESIRE TO POSTPONE CREATION COALITION GOVERNMENT HERE UNTIL HO CHI MINH TRAIL NO LONGER SO ESSENTIAL TO NVA' S ACTIVITIES CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

SAID HE SAW NO HOPE COALITION GOVERNMENT PRIOR APRIL 15.

5. RE MILITARY SITUATION IN LAOS, PRIMIN EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER EFFECTIVENESS OF CEASEFIRE HE NEVERTHELESS WAS CONCERNED RE CONTINUED NVA THREAT IN THE SALA PHOU KHOUN AND TAVIANG AREAS.

6. THE SENATOR DINED LAST EVENING WITH PRIMIN AND THE SEATAC GROUP OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN. SISOUK, NGON SANANIKONE AND OTHER LAO OFFICIALS PRESENT AND PRIMIN'S TOAST WAS A PARTICULARLY WARM WELCOME TO BOTH THE SENATOR AND SEATAC GROUP. PRIMIN STRESSED FACT THAT LAOS WAS AMONG 25 LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND HE LOOKED TO USG AND PRIVATE AMERICAN INVESTMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN TRANSPORTATION, TO HELP LAOS IN ITS DEVELOPMENT. SENATOR RESPONDED FOR THE AMERICANS PRESENT, EXPRESSING OUR ADMIRATION FOR PRIME MINISTER'S LEADERSHIP AND HIS PERSONAL HOPE THAT BOTH US GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR ASSISTANCE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO LAO DEVELOPMENTS. GODLEY

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